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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: MICHALUK, *et al.*

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Continuation Application No. Unassigned

Parent Group Art Unit: 1742

Filed: August 6, 2001

Parent Examiner: Oltmans, A.

For: HIGH PURITY TANTALUM, PRODUCTS CONTAINING THE SAME, AND METHODS OF MAKING THE SAME

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

The Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application on the merits, applicants respectfully request that the application be amended as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

At page 2, after the title, please insert the following paragraph:

--This application is a continuation of prior U.S. Patent Application No. 09/199,569 filed November 25, 1998, --
now U.S. Patent No. 6,348,113

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 44-62 and 67-77 without disclaimer or prejudice of the subject matter set forth therein.